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Management of Harijan hostels in Tiruchirappalli district

* 292 Q.—Sri R. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether any hostels for Harijan pupils are managed by one and the same person in Tiruchirappalli district, in contravention of existing orders of the Government; and

(b) if so, why?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Non-payment of salaries to Ganapat High School teachers, Kallai, Kozhikode

* 293 Q.—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any complaints from the teachers and other organizations of the Ganapat High School, Kallai and Kozhikode in Malabar district regarding the non-payment of salaries to the teachers in those schools; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to avert the enforced strike of the teachers?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to clause (b) of the Legislative Assembly Starred Question No. 116, answered on 16th August 1956.

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : May I know whether the Government have considered a recent memorandum sent by the teachers suggesting that the Government may take over the management so that in future the teachers may have regular payment and security of service?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : We have received the report from the Director also about this. There are many irregularities in the conduct of the school. It is rather a serious matter. Therefore, it has to be referred for further enquiry. I am afraid the final decision will have to be taken by the Kerala Government.

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Have the Government any information as to the month up to which the employees have been paid and for how many months, their salaries are outstanding?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : The teaching grant is being paid even in advance so that the teachers' salary may be paid. I do not have the exact information which the hon. Member wants.

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Sri K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : May I know whether the Director of Public Instruction, in his report, has made any specific recommendation to the Government to compel the management to run the institution properly in future?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : The only course open is for the Government to take over the management of the institutions. That would mean additional liability to the Government. We thought it may not be proper for us to take such a step on the eve of partition. We will be passing on the entire file with all the papers and reports to the future Kerala Government to pass orders in the matter.

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : I understand the spirit of the answer given by the Hon. Minister. The District Board of Malabar has, I understand, come forward to take up the management. A statement has been made by the President of the Board in a meeting convened to consider this matter that the Board is prepared to take over the management. Can the Government take such steps which will enable the Board to take up the management?

11-30 a.m. The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : The school, with reference to which this representation has been made, is located within the limits of the Kozhikode Municipality. As a matter of fact, the Municipality is also anxious to take over the school and run it. So, in view of these competing claims, we thought that it might be better for the future Kerala Government to pass final orders.

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : With regard to competing representations made by the Municipality and the District Board, to which a reference has been made by the Hon. Minister, I may state that within a week or so both the Municipality and the Malabar District Board will come to an agreement by negotiations. In view of that, will the Government give facilities either to the Municipality or to the Distrct Board to take over the management of the school?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : By that time, we will cease to have any responsibility or jurisdiction over this area.

Cow slaughter in Madras State

* 294 *Q.*—Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government have any proposal to ban cow slaughter in Madras State; and

(*b*) whether the Veterinary department has enforced humane form of killing in licensed slaughter-houses?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir.